

3067



FINANCIAL REPORT

June 30, 2008

Under provisions of state law, this report is a public document. A copy of the report has been submitted to the entity and other appropriate public officials. The report is available for public inspection at the Baton Rouge office of the Legislative Auditor and, where appropriate, at the office of the parish clerk of court.

Release Date 1/7/09

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	<u>Page</u>
<u>INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT</u>	
Report on Financial Statements	1-2
Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with <i>Government Auditing Standards</i>	3-4
Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program and Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133	5-6
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs	7
Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings	8
<u>REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION-PART I</u>	
Management's Discussion and Analysis	9-15
<u>FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u>	
Statement of Net Assets	16
Statement of Activities	17
Governmental Balance Sheet	18
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets	19
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – All Governmental Fund Types	20
Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities	21
Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets – Fiduciary Funds	22
Notes to the Financial Statements	23-35

TABLE OF CONTENTS

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART II

Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund	36
--	----

INDIVIDUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF AGENCY FUNDS

General Description	37
Schedule of Changes in Balances Due to Taxing Bodies and Others	38-39
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards	40



Postlethwaite & Netterville

A Professional Accounting Corporation
Associated Offices in Principal Cities of the United States
www.pncpa.com

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable Jeffrey F. Wiley
Ascension Parish Sheriff
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the fiduciary funds of the Ascension Parish Sheriff as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the Sheriff's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Ascension Parish Sheriff's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and fiduciary funds of the Ascension Parish Sheriff as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated December 5, 2008 on our consideration of Ascension Parish Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and important for assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 9 through 15, and 36 respectively, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Sheriff's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U. S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The supplemental schedules contained on pages 37 through 39, which are also the responsibility of the Sheriff's management, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

For the Auditor: M. H. H. H.

Donaldsonville, Louisiana
December 5, 2008



Postlethwaite & Netterville

A Professional Accounting Corporation
Associated Offices in Principal Cities of the United States
www.pncpa.com

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT
OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Honorable Jeffery F. Wiley
Ascension Parish Sheriff
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and fiduciary funds of the Ascension Parish Sheriff as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the Ascension Parish Sheriff's office basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 5, 2008. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Ascension Parish Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Ascension Parish Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Ascension Parish Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Ascension Parish Sheriff's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Ascension Parish Sheriff's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Ascension Parish Sheriff's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Ascension Parish Sheriff's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As a part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Ascension Parish Sheriff's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Ascension Parish Sheriff, management, and the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Pas/ethwhite : Nathan/ka

Donaldsonville, Louisiana
December 5, 2008



Postlethwaite & Netterville

A Professional Accounting Corporation
Associated Offices in Principal Cities of the United States
www.pncpa.com

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS
APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133**

Honorable Jeffrey F. Wiley
Ascension Parish Sheriff
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Ascension Parish Sheriff with the types of compliance requirements described in the U. S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 *Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2008. Ascension Parish Sheriff's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of Ascension Parish Sheriff's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Ascension Parish Sheriff's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Governmental Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Ascension Parish Sheriff's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Ascension Parish Sheriff's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion Ascension Parish Sheriff complied, in all material respects with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2008.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Ascension Parish Sheriff is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Ascension Parish Sheriff's internal control over compliance with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Ascension Parish Sheriff's internal control over compliance.

A control deficiency in an entity's internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to administer a federal program such that there is a more than a remote likelihood that noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Ascension Parish Sheriff as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated December 5, 2008. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming our opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Ascension Parish Sheriff's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, others within the organization, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as public document.

For the Legislative Auditor: [Signature]

Donaldsonville, LA
December 5, 2008

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
June 30, 2008

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The auditors' report expressed an unqualified opinion on the financial statements of the Ascension Parish Sheriff.
2. No significant deficiencies were related to the audit of the financial statements are reported in the Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standard*.
3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the Ascension Parish Sheriff were disclosed during the audit.
4. No significant deficiencies are disclosed during the audit of internal control over major federal award programs.
5. The auditor's report on compliance for the major federal award programs for Ascension Parish Sheriff expresses an unqualified opinion on all major federal programs.
6. The program tested as major program included: Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (CFDA # 97.067).
7. The threshold used for distinguishing between Type A and B programs was \$300,000.
8. Ascension Parish Sheriff qualified as a low-risk auditee.

B. FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

1. None

C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT

1. None

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
June 30, 2008

A. FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

1. None

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF

MANAGEMENTS DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

June 30, 2008

This section of Ascension Sheriff's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Sheriff's financial performance during the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2008.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Sheriff's total net assets increased approximately \$2.4 million or 15.0 percent over the course of this year's operations.
- During the year, the Sheriff's expenses were \$2.4 million less than the \$24.5 million generated in ad valorem and sales taxes, charges for services and operating grants for governmental programs.
- Expenses for the year were \$22.1 million, an increase of approximately \$3.0 million.
- The general fund reported a profit this year of \$1,302,622.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of four parts—management's discussion and analysis (this section), the financial statements, and required supplementary information, and other supplemental information. The financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Sheriff:

- The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information about the Sheriff's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the Sheriff's government, reporting the Sheriff's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.
 - The governmental funds statements tell how general government services like public safety were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending.
 - Fiduciary fund statements provide information about the financial relationships in which the Sheriff acts solely as agent for the benefit of others, to whom the resources in question belong.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. Figure A-1 shows how the required parts of this annual report are arranged and relate to one another.

Figure A-1 summarizes the major features of the Sheriff's financial statements, including the portion of the Sheriff's government they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis explains the structure of contents of each of the statements.

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF

MANAGEMENTS DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

June 30, 2008

	Government-wide Statements	Governmental Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Scope	Entire Sheriff government (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the Sheriff that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as public safety	Instances in which the Sheriff is the trustee or agent for someone else's resources
Required financial statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Statement of net assets• Statement of activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Balance Sheet• Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Statements of fiduciary net assets• Statements of changes in fiduciary net assets
Accounting basis and measurements focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of asset/liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets included	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term; the Sheriff's funds do not currently contain capital assets, although they can
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and payments is due during the year or soon thereafter	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF

MANAGEMENTS DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

June 30, 2008

Government-wide Statements

The government-wide statements report information about the Sheriff as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net assets includes all of the government's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the Sheriff's net assets and how they have changed. Net assets—the difference between the Sheriff's assets and liabilities—is one way to measure the Sheriff's financial health, or position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the Sheriff's net assets are an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the overall health of the Sheriff you need to consider additional nonfinancial factors such as changes in the Sheriff's property tax base and growth of Ascension Parish.

The government-wide financial statements of the Sheriff include:

- Governmental activities—most of the Sheriff's basic services are included here, such as police and general administration. Ad valorem and sales taxes, state and federal grants, and fees, charges, and commissions for services finance most of these activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Sheriff's most significant funds—not the Sheriff as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the Sheriff uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes.

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF

MANAGEMENTS DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

June 30, 2008

The Sheriff has two kinds of funds:

- **Governmental funds**—Most of the Sheriff's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Sheriff's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, we provide additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statement, or on the subsequent page, that explains the relationship (or differences) between them.
- **Fiduciary funds**—These funds are used as depositories for civil suits, cash bonds, taxes, fees, deferred compensation plan, et cetera. Disbursements from these funds are made to various parish agencies, and litigants in suits, in the manner prescribed by law. These funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. We exclude these activities from the Sheriff's government-wide financial statements because the Sheriff cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SHERIFF AS A WHOLE

Net assets. The Sheriff's net assets increased between fiscal years 2007 and 2008 to approximately \$18.3 million. (See Table A-1.)

**Table A-1
Sheriff's Net Assets**

	Governmental Activities	
	2008	2007
Current and other assets	\$ 14,103,029	\$11,522,234
Capital assets	6,537,107	5,998,962
Total assets	20,640,136	17,521,196
Current liabilities	987,293	355,170
Long term liabilities	1,328,605	1,226,762
Total liabilities	2,315,898	1,581,932
Net assets		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	6,537,107	5,998,962
Restricted	471,966	-
Unrestricted	11,315,165	9,940,302
Total net assets	\$18,324,238	\$15,939,264

Net assets of the Sheriff's governmental activities increased 15.0 percent to approximately \$18.3 million.

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF

MANAGEMENTS DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

June 30, 2008

Changes in net assets. The Sheriff's total revenues increased by 14.0 percent. (See Table A-2.) Approximately 71 percent of the Sheriff's revenue comes from ad valorem and sales tax collections from Ascension Parish. Another 5 percent comes from federal programs. Charges for services represent 18 percent. The remaining 6 percent is comprised of miscellaneous fees and commissions and other intergovernmental revenue.

The total cost of all programs and services increased approximately \$3.0 million. The Sheriff's expenses cover all services performed by its office.

Governmental Activities

Revenues for the Sheriff's governmental activities increased 13.9 percent to \$24.5 million while total expenses increased \$2.5 million.

Table A-2
Changes in Sheriff's Net Assets

	Governmental Activities	
	2008	2007
Revenues		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$4,469,459	\$4,188,916
Federal grants	1,183,421	715,571
State grants	79,126	42,499
General revenues		
Taxes	17,434,787	15,395,797
Miscellaneous	8,500	5,250
Intergovernmental	1,022,430	730,357
Interest	317,554	436,366
Total revenues	24,515,277	21,514,756
Expenses		
Public safety	22,130,303	19,165,758
Total expenses	22,130,303	19,165,758
Increase in net assets	\$2,384,974	\$2,348,998

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF

MANAGEMENTS DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

June 30, 2008

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SHERIFF'S FUNDS

As the Sheriff completed the year, its governmental funds reported a fund balance of \$12.5 million, an increase from last year of approximately \$1.3 million. The primary reason for the general fund's profit is the increase in ad valorem and sales tax collections.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Over the course of the year, the Sheriff made amendments to the general fund budget. These budget amendments fall into three categories:

- Self generated revenue amendments were made to increase ad valorem taxes and sales taxes due to increases in collections.
- Intergovernmental revenues increased to reflect necessary adjustment regarding federal grant spending.
- Fees, charges, and commissions increased by \$468,980.

Expenditures were amended in total by approximately \$1.5 million. Even with these adjustments, actual expenditures were approximately \$242,000 below final budget amounts.

CAPITAL ASSETS

At the end of 2008, the Sheriff had invested \$6,537,107 in capital assets. (See Table A-3.)

Table A-3
Sheriff's Capital Assets
(Net of depreciation)

	Governmental Activities	
	2008	2007
Land	\$1,220,000	\$1,220,000
Buildings	573,510	597,968
Equipment	4,743,597	4,180,994
Total	\$6,537,107	\$5,998,962

This year's major capital assets additions include:

- The purchase of twenty-nine new law enforcement vehicles for deputies costing approximately \$684,000 and seventy-five new computers for deputies totaling approximately \$120,000.
- Software and computer equipment totaling \$155,000.
- Sixty-eight mobile radios were also purchased costing approximately \$191,000.
- Camera equipment for remote surveillance totaling \$74,500.
- The development of a tactical operation command (C.O.W.) totaling approximately \$135,000.
- Boat, trailers, generators and golf cart costing approximately \$68,000.

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF

MANAGEMENTS DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

June 30, 2008

CAPITAL ASSETS (continued)

This year's major capital asset deletions include:

- The disposal of vehicles, radios and computer equipment costing approximately \$489,000.

The amounts budgeted for capital outlay for the 2007-2008 fiscal year total \$1,836,028. This amount represents amounts for automobiles, motorcycles, and other vehicles, and also for other equipment to be purchased with federal grants.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The Sheriff is dependent on ad valorem and sales tax collections for 71 percent of its revenues. The economy is not expected to generate any significant growth. The 2009 budget includes amounts available for appropriations of \$24.7 million, an increase of 8.3 percent over the final 2008 budget. Property taxes are expected to lead an increase of approximately 2 percent. Also, federal grant revenue is budgeted for 9% less than 2008 amended budget.

Budgeted expenditures are expected to rise nearly 8.3 percent to \$24.7 million. The largest increments are increases in deputies' salaries, supplemental and budgeted overtime pay.

If these estimates are realized, the Sheriff's budgetary general fund balance is expected to increase modestly by the close of fiscal year end 2009.

CONTACTING THE SHERIFF'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the Sheriff's finances and to demonstrate the Sheriff's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Ascension Parish Sheriff, P.O. Box 268, Donaldsonville, LA 70346.

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
June 30, 2008

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 11,410,468
Receivables	2,094,556
Restricted assets:	
Cash - self insurance fund	598,005
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	6,537,107
Total assets	<u>20,640,136</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and other current liabilities	861,254
Claims payable	126,039
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year	271,718
Due in more than one year	1,056,887
Total liabilities	<u>2,315,898</u>

NET ASSETS

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	6,537,107
Restricted for self insured health claims	471,966
Unrestricted	11,315,165
Total net assets	<u>\$ 18,324,238</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
JUNE 30, 2008

		<u>Program Revenues</u>		<u>Net Expense and Changes in Net Assets</u>
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	
Governmental Activities	<u>Expenses</u>			
Public Safety	<u>\$ 22,130,303</u>	<u>4,469,459</u>	<u>\$ 1,262,547</u>	<u>\$ (16,398,297)</u>
General revenues:				
Taxes				17,434,787
State appropriations				1,022,430
Interest				317,554
Miscellaneous				<u>8,500</u>
Total general revenues				<u>18,783,271</u>
Change in net assets				<u>2,384,974</u>
Net assets - beginning				<u>15,939,264</u>
Net assets - ending				<u>\$ 18,324,238</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

GOVERNMENTAL BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>General Fund</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,410,468
Receivables	2,094,556
Restricted assets:	
Cash - self insurance fund	<u>598,005</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u><u>\$ 14,103,029</u></u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Accounts, salaries, and withholdings payable	\$ 861,254
Claims payable	126,039
Deferred revenues	<u>646,050</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>1,633,343</u></u>
<u>FUND EQUITY</u>	
Reserved for self insurance	471,966
Unreserved - undesignated	<u>11,997,720</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u><u>12,469,686</u></u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	 <u><u>\$ 14,103,029</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2008

Total fund balances at June 30, 2008 - Governmental Funds		\$ 12,469,686
Cost of capital assets at June 30, 2008	12,623,991	
Less: accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2008:	<u>(6,086,884)</u>	6,537,107
Deferred revenues at June 30, 2008		646,050
Long-term liabilities at June 30, 2008:		
Compensated absences payable		<u>(1,328,605)</u>
Net assets of governmental activities at June 30, 2008		<u>\$ 18,324,238</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF**Donaldsonville, Louisiana****STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES**
IN FUND BALANCE - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>General Fund</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>	
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 10,250,563
Sales taxes	7,184,224
Intergovernmental revenues:	
Federal grants	537,371
State grants:	
State revenue sharing (net)	128,774
State supplemental pay	893,656
Other state & local grants	79,126
Fees, charges, and commissions for services:	
Civil and criminal fees	1,653,380
Court attendance	19,750
Communications district -911	563,987
Transporting prisoners	45,631
Feeding and keeping prisoners	820,367
Municipal law enforcement fees	852,000
Miscellaneous commissions	514,344
Use of money and property :	
Interest	317,554
Donated fixed assets	8,500
Total revenues	<u>23,869,227</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Public safety:	
Personal services and related benefits	15,527,416
Operating services	2,630,443
Material and supplies	2,620,449
Travel and other charges	25,415
Capital outlay	1,762,882
Total expenditures	<u>22,566,605</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	1,302,622
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>11,167,064</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 12,469,686</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Total net changes in fund balance for the year ended June 30, 2008 per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance	\$ 1,302,622
Add: Capital outlay which is considered expenditures	1,584,493
Less: Depreciation expense for year ended June 30, 2008	(1,021,561)
Difference on gain of asset	(24,787)
Add: Deferred revenue recognized as revenue	646,050
Less: Excess of compensated absences earned over compensated absences used	<u>(101,843)</u>
Total changes in net assets, for year ended June 30, 2008	<u><u>\$ 2,384,974</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

June 30, 2008

	<u>Agency Funds</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,229,768
Due from taxing bodies and others	28,689
Total Assets	<u>2,258,457</u>
 LIABILITIES	
Due to taxing bodies and others	<u>2,258,457</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2,258,457</u>
 NET ASSETS	 <u>\$ -</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

As provided by Article V, Section 27 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the Sheriff serves a four-year term as the chief executive officer of the law enforcement district and ex-officio tax collector of the parish. The Sheriff administers the parish jail system and exercises duties required by the parish court system, such as providing bailiffs, executing orders of the court, and serving subpoenas.

As the chief law enforcement officer of the parish, the Sheriff has the responsibility for enforcing state and local laws and ordinances within the territorial boundaries of the parish. The Sheriff provides protection to the residents of the parish through on-site patrols and investigations and serves the residents of the parish through the establishment of neighborhood watch programs, anti-drug abuse programs, et cetera. In addition, when requested, the Sheriff provides assistance to other law enforcement agencies within the parish.

As the ex-officio tax collector of the parish, the Sheriff is responsible for collecting and distributing ad valorem property taxes, parish occupational licenses, state revenue sharing funds, and fines, costs, and bond forfeitures imposed by the district court.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying financial statements of the Ascension Parish Sheriff have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the primary government (the Sheriff). These statements include all the financial activities of the Sheriff. Information contained in these statements reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*.

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (continued)

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Sheriff's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expense allocations that have been made in the funds have been reversed for the statement of activities. Program revenues include (a) fees, fines, and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

The fund financial statements provide information about the Sheriff's funds, including its fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category- governmental and fiduciary- are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds.

The Sheriff reports the following major governmental fund:

General Fund

The General Fund, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:1422, is the principal fund of the Sheriff's office and accounts for the operations of the Sheriff's office. The Sheriff's primary sources of revenue are ad valorem taxes levied by the law enforcement district and sales taxes. Other sources of revenue include commissions on state revenue sharing, state supplemental pay for deputies, civil and criminal fees, fees for court attendance, and maintenance of prisoners, et cetera. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

The Sheriff reports the following fund types:

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net assets and changes in net assets. The only funds accounted for in this category are agency funds. The agency funds are used as depositories for civil suits, cash bonds, taxes, fees, deferred compensation plan, et cetera. Disbursements from these funds are made to various parish agencies, litigants in suits, et cetera, in the manner prescribed by law. The agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

B. REPORTING ENTITY

GASB Statement 14 established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this Statement, the Sheriff is considered a primary government, since it is a special purpose government, the Sheriff is elected, is legally separate, and is fiscally independent of other state or local governments. As used in GASB Statement 14, fiscally independent means that the Sheriff may, without the approval or consent of another governmental entity, determine or modify its own budget, levy its own taxes or set rates or charges, and issue bonded debt. The Sheriff also has no component units, defined by GASB Statement 14 as other legally separate organizations for which the Sheriff is financially accountable. There are no other primary governments with which the Sheriff has a significant relationship.

C. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING/MEASUREMENT FOCUS

The Governmental Wide Financial Statements (GWFS) and fiduciary fund statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The government wide financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the Sheriff gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The Sheriff considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. Property taxes, sales taxes, franchise taxes, and interest are considered to be susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for claims and judgments and compensated absences, which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

Ad valorem taxes and the related state revenue sharing are recorded in the year taxes are due and payable. Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis, become due on November 15 of each year, and become delinquent on December 31. The taxes are generally collected in December, January, and February of the fiscal year.

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

C. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING/MEASUREMENT FOCUS (continued)

Revenues (continued)

Intergovernmental revenues and fees, charges and commissions for services are recorded when the Sheriff is entitled to the funds.

Interest on interest-bearing deposits is recorded or accrued as revenues when earned. Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

Expenditures

The Sheriff's primary expenditures include salaries and insurance, which are recorded when the liability is incurred. Capital expenditures and purchases of various operating supplies are regarded as expenditures at the time of purchase.

Deferred Revenues

Deferred revenues arise when resources are received by the Sheriff before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received before the incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when the Sheriff has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the balance sheet and the revenue is recognized.

All governmental activities of the Sheriff follow FASB Statements and Interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins, unless those pronouncements conflict with GASB pronouncements.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Sheriff's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

D. BUDGET PRACTICES

The proposed budget for the year ended June 30, 2008, was made available for public inspection and comments from taxpayers at the Sheriff's office on June 15, 2007. The proposed budget, prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, was published in the official journal 10 days prior to the public hearing, which was held at the Sheriff's office on June 25, 2007, for comments from taxpayers. The budget is legally adopted and amended, as necessary, by the Sheriff.

All expenditure appropriations lapse at year end. Unexpended appropriations and any excess of revenues over expenditures are carried forward to the subsequent year as beginning fund balance.

Formal budget integration (within the accounting records) is employed as a management control device. Budget amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original adopted budget and all subsequent amendments.

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

E. ENCUMBRANCES

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the appropriation, is not employed.

F. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash includes amounts in demand deposit accounts, interest-bearing demand deposits, and money market accounts. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and other investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the Sheriff may deposit funds in demand deposit accounts, interest-bearing demand deposit accounts, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana. Tax collections must be deposited in a bank domiciled in the parish where the funds are collected.

G. CAPITAL ASSETS

All capital assets are capitalized at historical cost, or estimated historical costs for assets where actual cost is not available. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair value at the date of donation. The Sheriff maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing assets. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the assets' lives are not capitalized.

Capital assets are recorded in the GWFS, but are not reported in the FFS. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared no longer needed for public purposes, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Buildings	40
Building Improvements	20-30
Vehicles	5-15
Equipment	3-15

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

H. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The liability for compensated absences reported in the government-wide statements consists of unpaid, accumulated annual and compensatory balances. The liability has been calculated using the vesting method, in which leave amounts for both employees who currently are eligible to receive termination payments and other employees who are expected to become eligible in the future to receive such payments upon termination are included.

The following vacation hours are earned during a fiscal year:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Annual Leave Granted Per Month</u>	<u>Total Annual Leave for Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Maximum Annual Leave Accumulation</u>
Less than 3 years	8	96	192
Upon completion of 3 years	10	120	240
Upon completion of 6 years	12	144	288
Upon completion of 11 years	14	168	336
Upon completion of 16 years	16	192	384
Upon completion of 21 years	18	216	432
Upon completion of 30+ years	20	240	480

Each employee will be allowed to accumulate annual leave up to a balance that is twice what he or she earns in a fiscal year. The last column of the table above shows that amount for each tenure level. If an employee's annual leave accumulation exceeds the amount shown for his or her level, that amount will be converted to sick leave annually at the close of the employee's anniversary month.

Sick leave is earned and granted on a monthly basis. As each month ends, employees will be credited with sick leave hours based on his or her years of service. Upon retirement, death or termination of an employee, unused sick leave is not payable. The following table shows the amount of sick leave that will be granted for the various years of service:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Sick Leave Granted Per Month</u>	<u>Total Sick Leave for Fiscal Year</u>
Less than 3 years	8	96
Upon completion of 3 years	10	120
Upon completion of 6 years	12	144

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

H. COMPENSATED ABSENCES (continued)

The cost of leave privileges is recognized as current year expenditure in the General Fund when leave is actually taken.

I. FUND EQUITY

Reserves

Reserves represent those portions of fund equity not appropriable for expenditures or legally segregated for a specific future use.

J. ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. LEVIED TAXES

The Sheriff has authorized and levied an ad valorem tax of 14.48 mills.

3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At June 30, 2008, the Sheriff has unrestricted cash and cash equivalents (book balances) as follows:

Petty Cash	\$ 4,000
Interest-bearing demand deposits	12,571,106
Time	<u>1,065,130</u>
Total	<u>\$ 13,640,236</u>

Restricted cash totals \$598,005 at June 30, 2008.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank.

At June 30, 2008, the Sheriff has \$15,250,368 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$200,000 of federal deposit insurance and \$15,050,368 of pledged securities owned by the fiscal agent bank in the name of the Sheriff or the pledging fiscal agent bank by a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

4. CUSTODIAL CREDIT RISK

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The government does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk as of June 30, 2008, \$15,250,368 of the government's bank balance was not exposed to custodial credit risk.

5. RECEIVABLES

The General Fund receivables at June 30, 2008 are as follows:

Class of Receivable

Sales tax	\$ 623,389
Fees, charges, and commissions for services	247,452
Prisoner maintenance and transport	86,698
Grants	1,025,223
Interest	31,682
Miscellaneous commissions	4,927
State supplemental	75,185
	<hr/>
Total	\$ 2,094,556

6. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, are as follows:

Governmental activities

	Balance, July 1, 2007	Additions	Deletions	Balance, June 30, 2008
Land	\$1,220,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,220,000
Buildings	720,505	-	-	720,505
Equipment	9,588,490	1,584,493	(489,497)	10,683,486
Total	11,528,995	1,584,493	(489,497)	12,623,991
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings	(122,537)	(24,458)	-	(146,995)
Equipment	(5,407,496)	(997,103)	464,710	(5,939,889)
Total	(5,530,033)	(1,021,561)	464,710	(6,086,884)
Capital assets, net	<u>\$5,998,962</u>	<u>\$562,932</u>	<u>\$(24,787)</u>	<u>\$6,537,107</u>

For the year ended June 30, 2008, depreciation expense was \$1,021,561.

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7. PENSION PLAN

Plan Description. Substantially all employees of the Ascension Parish Sheriff's office are members of the Louisiana Sheriffs Pension and Relief Fund (System), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by a separate board of trustees.

All sheriffs and all deputies who are found to be physically fit, who earn at least \$800 per month, and are 18 years of age or older at the time of original employment are required to participate in the System. Employees are eligible to retire at or after age 55 with at least 12 years of credited service and receive a benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to a percentage of their final-average salary for each year of credited service. The percentage factor to be used for each year of creditable service is 3.33 percent. In any case, the retirement benefit cannot exceed 100 percent of their final-average salary. Final-average salary is the employee's average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least 12 years of service and do not withdraw their employee contributions may retire at or after age 55 and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination as indicated previously. Employees who terminate with at least 20 years of credited service are also eligible to elect early benefits between ages 50 and 55 with reduced benefits equal to the actuarial equivalent of the benefit to which they would otherwise be entitled at age 55. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established or amended by state statute.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Louisiana Sheriffs Pension and Relief Fund, P. O. Box 3163, Monroe, Louisiana 71220, or by calling (318)362-3191.

Funding Policy. Plan members are required by state statute to contribute 10.00 percent of their annual covered salary and the Ascension Parish Sheriff is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 11.00 percent of annual covered payroll. As of April 1, 1996, the Sheriff's office also pays the employees contribution percentage. Contributions to the System also include one-half of one percent of the taxes shown to be collectible by the tax rolls of each parish and funds as required and available from insurance premium taxes. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Ascension Parish Sheriff are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. The Ascension Parish Sheriff's contributions to the System, including the employee's portion starting April 1, 1996, for the years ending June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006, were \$2,788,158, \$2,456,553, and \$2,264,508, respectively.

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

8. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Effective August 1, 2004 any employee retiring under the Louisiana Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund may elect to continue insurance coverage upon retirement. Employees and their dependents shall be eligible for health care benefits under one of two plans:

1. Plan A is available for employees who retire with less than 20 years of service with the Ascension Parish Sheriff (APS) (with no subsidy for APS).
2. Employees who retire with 20 or more years of service with APS shall be eligible to choose either Plan A (with no APS subsidy) or Plan B (with APS subsidy).

Retirees under Plan A shall be required to pay the full cost of the premium. Retirees who qualify for and choose Plan B with 20 or more years of service, the APS will pay 2.5% per year of full-time employment with APS rounded to the nearest full percentage. After 20 years of full-time APS service, the APS will also credit other pension tenure recognized by the Pension Fund that is not APS service at 50% of the normal credit rate or 1.25%. The total portion of the insurance premium that may be paid by the APS shall not exceed 75% of the total cost of the single employee premium.

All employees who retired prior to the inception of this plan and who have continuously in the APS health plan after separation from service shall be allowed to continue participation regardless of age or years of service. However, they shall be required to choose Plan A (non-subsidized) or Plan B (subsidized). For those choosing Plan B, the dollar amount currently paid by APS in subsidy shall not decrease and retiree portion shall only increase as premiums increase based on the 2.5% per year of full-time employment subsidy rate.

Premium payments are required to be paid monthly by the retirees. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, APS contributed \$63,671 and the retired employees contributed \$51,354 toward the premium. APS reserves the right to amend or reduce coverage. There are 19 retired employees currently eligible to receive health care benefits.

In June 2004, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employees for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. The statement requires the accrual of postemployment benefits for retired employees. The Sheriff is required to implement this standard for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. The Sheriff has not yet determined the full impact that adoption of GASB Statement 45 will have on the financial statements.

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

9. CHANGES IN AGENCY FUND BALANCES

A summary of changes in agency fund balances due to taxing bodies and others follows:

	Balance at Beginning of year	Additions	Reductions	Balance at End of Year
Agency funds:				
Civil Account	\$497,796	\$5,484,546	\$5,203,407	\$778,935
Tax Collector	63,932	75,809,473	75,696,211	177,194
Bond	1,094,030	2,977,916	2,846,498	1,225,448
Contraband	2,926	6,538	6,618	2,846
Jail inmate	57,509	388,234	400,398	45,345
Total	<u>\$1,716,193</u>	<u>\$84,666,707</u>	<u>\$84,153,132</u>	<u>\$2,229,768</u>

10. TAXES PAID UNDER PROTEST

The unsettled balances due to taxing bodies and others in the agency funds at June 30, 2008, include \$177,194 of taxes paid under protest, plus interest earned to date on the investment of these funds, totaling \$115,828. These funds are held pending resolution of the protest and are accounted for in the Tax Collector Agency Fund.

11. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

At June 30, 2008, the Sheriff was involved in several lawsuits. In the opinion of the Sheriff's legal counsel, the ultimate resolution of these claims would not create a liability to the Sheriff in excess of existing insurance coverage.

12. EXPENDITURES OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE PAID BY THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Sheriff's office is located in the parish courthouse. Expenditures for maintenance and operation of the parish courthouse, as required by state statute, are paid by the Ascension Parish Council and are not included in the accompanying financial statements.

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

13. RESERVE FOR SELF INSURED HEALTH AND ACCIDENT PLAN

On August 1, 1992 the Sheriff began providing health and accident insurance coverage for his employees. The plan is funded by the General Fund for employee coverage and by employee premiums paid for dependent coverage. The office is obligated to pay all claims up to \$ 70,000 per person covered up to an aggregate of \$1,825,115, and the excess is insured with an insurance company up to \$1,000,000.

A liability for a claim is established if information indicates that it is probable that a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements and the amount of the loss is reasonably estimable.

Unpaid claims as of July 1, 2007	\$121,330
Incurring claims (including claims incurred but not reported as of June 30):	
Provision for current-year events where the Sheriff has retained risk of loss	1,846,654
Payments:	
Claims attributed to current year events where the Sheriff has retained risk of loss	(1,841,945)
Unpaid claims as of June 30, 2008	<u>\$126,039</u>

14. CHANGES IN LONG -TERM DEBT

At June 30, 2008, employees of the Sheriff have accumulated and vested \$1,328,605 of employee leave benefits, which was computed in accordance with GASB Classification Section C60.

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions during the year:

	<u>Compensated Absences</u>
Long term debt payable at July 1, 2007	\$ 1,226,762
Additions	165,145
Deductions	<u>(63,302)</u>
Long term debt payable at June 30, 2008	<u>\$ 1,328,605</u>

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

15. LEASES

The Sheriff has operating leases for office equipment and radio towers. Total rent and leases paid for the year was \$72,316.

The minimum annual commitments under these noncancelable operating leases are as follows:

Fiscal year ended	
2009	\$50,661
2010	29,978
2011	2,624
2012	2,624
2013	1,094
Total	<u>\$86,981</u>

16. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Sheriff is exposed to risks of loss in the areas of auto liability, professional law enforcement liability, group health and workers' compensation. All of these risks are handled by purchasing commercial insurance coverage. There have been no significant reductions in the insurance coverage during the year.

REQUIRED
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 9,449,610	\$ 10,269,891	\$10,250,563
Sales taxes	6,250,000	7,111,923	7,184,224
Intergovernmental revenues:			
Federal grants	533,297	1,247,349	537,371
State grants:			
State revenue sharing (net)	122,610	128,775	128,774
State supplemental pay	815,149	893,656	893,656
Other state and local grants	39,500	69,377	79,126
Fees, charges, and commissions for services:			
Civil and criminal fees	1,181,887	1,523,699	1,653,380
Court attendance	17,000	19,375	19,750
Communications district- 911	675,000	556,340	563,987
Transporting prisoners	45,500	41,291	45,631
Feeding and keeping prisoners	925,235	997,484	820,367
Municipal law enforcement fees	851,999	852,000	852,000
Miscellaneous commissions	254,340	429,752	514,344
Use of money and property :			
Interest	307,501	299,820	317,554
Donated fixed assets	5,000	8,500	8,500
Total revenues	<u>21,473,628</u>	<u>24,449,232</u>	<u>23,869,227</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Public safety:			
Personal services and related benefits	15,544,823	15,626,420	15,527,416
Operating services	2,546,980	2,579,525	2,630,443
Material and supplies	2,569,454	2,742,933	2,620,449
Travel and other charges	25,500	23,603	25,415
Capital outlay	603,933	1,836,028	1,762,882
Total expenditures	<u>21,290,690</u>	<u>22,808,509</u>	<u>22,566,605</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	182,938	1,640,723	1,302,622
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>11,167,064</u>	<u>11,167,064</u>	<u>11,167,064</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 11,350,002</u>	<u>\$ 12,807,787</u>	<u>\$12,469,686</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

INDIVIDUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF

AGENCY FUNDS

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

GENERAL DESCRIPTIONS
AGENCY FUNDS
June 30, 2008

SHERIFF'S FUND

The Sheriff's Fund accounts for funds held in civil suits, sheriff's sales, and garnishments.

TAX COLLECTOR FUND

Article V, Section 27 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 provides that the sheriff will serve as the collector of state and parish taxes and fees. The Tax Collector Fund is used to collect and distribute these taxes and fees to the appropriate taxing bodies.

BOND FUND

The Bond Fund accounts for the collection of bonds, fines, and costs and payment of these collections to the recipients in accordance with applicable laws.

CONTRABAND FUND

The Contraband Fund holds all criminally disputed funds until a decision as to ownership is decided in District Court. The monies are distributed according to court judgment.

JAIL INMATE FUND

The Jail Inmate Fund accounts for all funds received from and disbursed to the inmates as they enter and are released from the prison system.

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF
Donaldsonville, Louisiana

AGENCY FUNDS
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN BALANCES DUE TO TAXING BODIES AND OTHERS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	<u>Sheriff's</u>	<u>Tax Collector</u>	<u>Bond</u>
<u>BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</u>	\$ 497,796	\$ 63,932	\$ 1,094,030
<u>ADDITIONS</u>			
Deposits:			
Sheriff's sales and garnishments	5,457,723	-	-
Fines and costs	-	-	2,952,541
Receipts from inmates	-	-	-
Taxes, fees, etc. paid to tax collector	-	75,693,645	-
Interest on investments	26,823	115,828	25,375
Total Additions	<u>5,484,546</u>	<u>75,809,473</u>	<u>2,977,916</u>
<u>REDUCTIONS</u>			
Taxes, fees, etc. distributed to taxing bodies and others	-	75,696,211	-
Distribution to inmates	-	-	-
Deposits settled	<u>5,203,407</u>	-	<u>2,846,498</u>
Total Reductions	<u>5,203,407</u>	<u>75,696,211</u>	<u>2,846,498</u>
<u>BALANCES AT END OF YEAR</u>	<u>\$ 778,935</u>	<u>\$ 177,194</u>	<u>\$ 1,225,448</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

<u>Contraband</u>	<u>Jail Inmate</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ 2,926	\$ 57,509	\$ 1,716,193
6,464	-	5,464,187
-	-	2,952,541
-	388,181	388,181
-	-	75,693,645
74	53	168,153
<u>6,538</u>	<u>388,234</u>	<u>84,666,707</u>
-	-	75,696,211
-	400,398	400,398
<u>6,618</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,056,523</u>
<u>6,618</u>	<u>400,398</u>	<u>84,153,132</u>
<u>\$ 2,846</u>	<u>\$ 45,345</u>	<u>\$ 2,229,768</u>

ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Agency or Pass-through Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
<u>UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</u>			
Direct Program			
Southern Anti-Terrorism Regional Academy Training (SARTA)	16.853	2005-DD-BX-0288	\$ 206,661
Southern Anti-Terrorism Regional Academy Training (SARTA)	16.853	2006-DD-BX-0515	62,574
Direct Program			
COPS Methamphetamine Initiative	16.710	2007CKWX0287	81,620
Subrecipient of the City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge through the Department of Juvenile Services			
Project Safe Neighborhood	16.609	None	12,784
Passed through Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice			
Electronic Equipment	16.710	P06-5-016	852
Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force	16.579	B07-5-011	13,915
School Resource Officers Program	16.540	J07-5-003	9,371
Domestic Violence Program	16.588	M06-5-002	6,817
Domestic Violence Program	16.588	M07-5-002	5,290
Victim Assistance Program	16.575	C05-8-004	26,263
Victim Assistance Program	16.582	C06-8-004	31,606
2003 Vest Grant	16.607	3019021	1,715
Total United States Department of Justice			<u>459,468</u>
<u>UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY</u>			
Passed through Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness			
Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP)	97.067	2006-GE-T6-0069	38,800
Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP)	97.067	2007-GE-T7-0019	512,020
2006 Buffer Zone Protection Plan	97.078	2006BXT60026	162,420
Total United States Department of Homeland Security			<u>713,240</u>
<u>UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</u>			
Passed Through Louisiana Highway Safety Commission			
Year Long Overtime	20.600	PT 2007-02-00-00	5,334
Year Long Overtime	20.600	PT 2008-12-00-00	5,327
Total United States Department of Transportation			<u>10,661</u>
Total Federal Assistance Expended			<u>\$ 1,183,369</u>

NOTE A - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with requirements of OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of the basic financial statements.

NOTE B - RECONCILIATION OF FEDERAL EXPENDITURES

Federal assistance expended as reported on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards	\$ 1,183,369
Less: deferred revenues not recorded as revenues on government funds	(646,050)
Add: revenues received in current year for expenditures in prior years	<u>52</u>
Federal grant revenues as reported on Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - All Governmental Fund Types	<u>\$ 537,371</u>